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Replying Circular 719, information from this post is negative.

Two unimpeachable sources advise Swiss Federal Council meeting yesterday reviewed possible action to be taken by Swiss military in light Cuban situation, and decided not to institute emergency preparedness measures.

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Informed banking source reports no evidence Soviet gold transactions or monetary transfers in Switzerland by Soviets. While Swiss banking circles applaud US action Cuba, they fear Soviet counter-action West Berlin. Swiss branch banks have for some time been directed store no securities West Berlin and maintain limited bank balances there; they have now been instructed to withdraw balances to lowest possible level.

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